Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I do not agree with the member. If there are any great hardships, the persons affected will certainly bring them to notice. Many other grievances have been brought to notice and suitable relief has been given.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—Are Government aware that in the British Indian Provinces, the system of collection of notice fees and other penal levies has been given up and only land revenue demand proper is being recovered even in overdue cases?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Similar concessions are being shown here also.

Mr. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY.—Then, why is a demand included in the budget estimates under the head "Notice, Isthihar and Jafti fees"?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That is different. Concession is shown only in respect of the current year's dues. If arrears have accumulated for three or four years, we cannot forgo that item of revenue.

Mr. Mummadi H. C. VEERABHADRAPPA.—Is it true that payment for the next year also is insisted upon if concession in respect of penal levies is shown for the current year?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—No. If any such case is brought to notice, the Revenue Commissioner will take necessary action.

Mr. L. VEMA REDDY.—Is there any Standing Order that if only one year's assessment falls overdue, crops should not be attached?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—According to rules, crops are attached only in the case of persistent defaulters.

Mr. L. VEMA REDDY.—Will the Revenue Commissioner issue a circular to that effect?

The REVENUE COMMISSIONER (Mr. K. V. Anantaraman).—For non-payment of the current year's demand, no attachment is ordered; and so, there is no necessity for any circular instructions.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—The budget estimates anticipate an income of Rs. 64,000 from Notice Fees, etc., as against Rs. 39,900 budgetted for in the current year. On what basis is the higher demand fixed for the next year?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That is done according to well-recognised principles of budget preparation.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—When you are going to collect larger sums by way of penal levies, how can you say that concessions are shown to the raiyats?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The question of concessions is quite different. That comes under remissions.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Why is it that for the last 3 years the number of auction sales for arrears of land revenue is steadily increasing?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Considering the total number of *khates*, the increase referred to is very little. And that little increase is due to the fact that orders are being enforced more strictly in the case of persistent defaulters.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—And why have such cases increased? Is it because of the raiyats' inability to pay, or have they made up their minds not to pay, or is it because of the inefficiency of the collecting agency?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I should say that the measures adopted for enforcing the rules relating to collection of revenue are becoming more and more efficient.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Does it amount to saying that coercive steps on a more extensive scale are being taken now than before?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—At the last session of the Assembly, a similar question was raised and it was definitely stated that it was not so.

Mr. K. T. BHASHYAM AIYANGAR.—Would we be wrong, then, if we inferred that people are becoming more and more unable to pay the assessment?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That is not the view of Government.

Appointments of Probationers.

Q—14. Mr. A. G. MUDDURACHAPPA (Bowringpet Municipality).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of appointments of Probationers this year;

(*b*) the number of applications received for the same;

(*c*) the number of applications received from the different communities;

(*d*) the qualifications possessed by such applicants;

(*e*) the districts from which selections have been made?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).**—

(*a*) Ten.

(*b*) 369.

(*c*) *Vide* statement appended (Appendix).

(*d*) The minimum qualifications required for the posts were indicated in the Government notification calling for applications for these posts and only applications that satisfied this requirement were entertained.

(*e*) The selection was not made on any geographical basis.

Mr. A. G. MUDDURACHAPPA.—With reference to (*d*), cannot the qualifications of at least the selected candidates be furnished?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—There is no need to repeat all that.

Mr. A. G. MUDDURACHAPPA.—To what districts do the selected candidates belong?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—It is not possible to select persons from each district and so, there is not much use in collecting information on that basis.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—Though the Probationers are being selected from 1927, are Government aware that certain communities have throughout remained unrepresented?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—We cannot give representation purely on that basis. We must take into consideration the qualifications of the candidates and we must also see that the major communities are not completely neglected. The selection is made by a special committee who have doubtless taken all those considerations into account, and they have arrived at the fairest distribution possible in the circumstances. It is not desirable or wise to make a departure from a well-recognised practice.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—Should not representation be given to unrepresented communities?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—I cannot give any such assurance.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—Is it not a fact that during the past 4 selections, Government have given representation to the same communities?

Mr. PRESIDENT.—I regret I cannot answer that question.

Equipment Grant to Middle Schools in the Kolar District.

Q.—15. **Mr. V. VENKATASAMI CHETTY** (Chikballapur Municipality).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the amount granted each year by the Education Department to each of the middle schools in the Kolar District for equipment for the past ten years;

(*b*) is the said amount paid annually in a lumpsum to the whole district or are separate allotments made to the several middle schools in the district;

(*c*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that middle schools in the Kolar District have not the required equipment, such as maps, models, globes, furniture, etc.?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatesa Iyengar).**—

(*a*) Information regarding the amount granted to each of the middle schools in the district is not available. The amount granted to each kind of middle schools in the Kolar District is furnished below for the past three years as information in this behalf for the past ten years is not readily available:—

	1934-35	*1935-36*	*1936-37*
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Government Kannada Boys' Middle Schools.	350	350	350
Government Urdu Boys' Middle Schools.	25	425	450
Government Kannada Girls' Middle Schools.	70	70	35

(*b*) The amount is being allotted annually in a lump to the whole district and supplies are being made to schools according to their needs.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. V. VENKATASWAMI CHETTY.—With reference to answer (*c*), have any